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Maybe, says Ryan

Tuition fees set to rise ?

By Aaron Derfel

A tuition fee increase may be the only solution to Quebec universities' funding crisis, Education Minister Claude Ryan told *the Link* in an interview Monday.

The Liberals promised to maintain the 20-year-old tuition freeze when they campaigned in the 1986 provincial election.

But pressure within the party, and the need to divert federal transfer payments into the ailing hospital system,are expected to force Ryan and Premier Robert Bourassa to back down on the promise this February. The Liberal party plans to hold a convention in February to discuss the issue and make an official decision.

After an emmergency meeting with Concordia's Board of Governors Monday night, Ryan said a thriving economy is the only thing that will stop him from raising tuition fees.

"I think that if the economy were producing enough revenues, it's always possible to find other ways of adding to the funds put at the disposal of univerities," he said. "But in practice that would be difficult."

Quebec students pay the lowest tuition fees in Canada in a system designed to make university education accessible to all Quebecers. In the last two years, however, the logic of the tuition freeze has been called into question by the Liberal government.

The Quebec Council of Universities, a government advisory board, says Ryan should double tuition fees, which now stand at $15 per credit.

Ryan's aide Luc Rheaume confirmed to *the Link* yesterday the minister's statement that a tuition hike may be the only solution to the province-wide university funding imbalance.

"If we don't get a large amount of money from the government—$100 million—we'll have to try to find another solution," he said, which will probably be a tuition increase.

Last year, Bourassa promised that tuition fees will be "frozen for the next two or three years."

Concordia's student association (CUSA) co-president Maxine Clarke said she is not surprised the government may raise tuition fees, but said that if it does, CUSA will protest to make sure the extra tuition money goes back into the university system.

"If the government raises tuition fees so that the money goes back into Concordia, then fine and dandy," said Clarke. "But if the government puts the money into the budget, then I object..." Clarke added that if the Liberals decide to raise fees next February, CUSA will protest with Quebec's largest student coalition (ANEEQ).

Ryan admitted the government's funding formula has been "creating inequities" for Concordia, and said that all Quebec universities are suffering from severe financial problems.

"The real reason is that there is not enough overall money for all the universities," he said. "We could not arrive at a balance unless we were geniuses."

The minister decided to give Quebec universities $40 million this year—in addition to the total $1.1 billion education budget—to bring some relief to universities before devising a new funding formula next year. But Concordia will only receive $4.8 million of that amount even though its accumulated deficit of $31.5 million represents more than 40 per cent of the deficit of all Quebec universities.

After the meeting with Ryan Monday, Rector Patrick Kenniff said that if "the present situation is maintained then the university has a serious problem. It's going to have to look at making major changes in the size of the instution and the way programmes are dispensed.

"What Ryan has done here to Concordia is take a corrective measure that sends us in the other direction," he said, explaining that the temporary distribution plan leaves Concordia below the provincial base funding average.

Base funding is a fixed sum of money that the government gives universities each year. Concordia receives about $90 milion in base funding per year, and under the temporary funding plan, the government will give Concordia an extra $1.4 million.

photo by Barbara Davidson

Concordia's Rector Patrick Kenniff emerged from his bishop st. bunker this week to complain about the university's underfunding problems.

Concordia softens stance

by Brian Dryden

The university administration has softened its tough talk of closing down Concordia for a day as a protest against government underfunding after meeting with the education minister Monday.

At general assemblies held at both campuses Tuesday, Rector Patrick Kenniff said the administration has decided to give Education Minister Claude Ryan another two weeks to review funding to the university before deciding on any course of action.

Kenniff wants the government to reconsider its decision to give the university only 4.9 per cent of the $3.75 million being distributed to correct inequities in university base funding.

The rector told those at the well-attended assemblies that he doesn't want to threaten the government, but if after a review of this year's funding policy Ryan doesn't re-adjust the amount for Concordia, the university will act.

The administration has the support of the faculty and student associations to shut down the university for a day in protest.

However, Kenniff was careful to say shutting down the university is just one of many options that would have to be considered.

Others options include a demonstration in Quebec city, the possibility of occupying a government office, and side stepping Ryan to bring Concordia's case directly to

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photo by: Jonathon Brooks

MUC police officer examines "bug" found in CUSA office.

CUSA sweeps office to find more 'bugs'

by Link Newsstaff

The student association has launched an investigation after *the Link* revealed this week that a CUSA office has been the target of an illegal surveillance device and students have been harassed by the RCMP for campus political activities.

A small microphone attached to a wire was found in the ceiling of a sixth floor CUSA executive office this weekend. Although the wire was disconnected at the time it was found, an electronics expert on the university faculty confirmed the object is an illegal listening device.

The discovery came less than six weeks after two Concordia student activists were harassed by agents saying they were from the RCMP, who questionned them extensively about their involvement with campus organizations.

The students said the agents had information which could have only been supplied by an on-campus informant or a listening device.

Earlier this week, CUSA began a search of its offices in an attempt to locate other listening devices. So far, none have been found.

Initial speculation was that the "bug" dates from the days of the 1969 computer riot when students occupied the Sir George computer centre to protest racism on campus.

But, according to Concordia planning director Roland Beaudoin, the room where the device was found housed a student music room in the late 60's. It wasn't until the mid-70's that the room was turned into a student association office.

CUSA co-president Robert Douglas, whose father Rosie Douglas was imprisoned and deported for his role as a leader of the 1969 occupation, said he is worried about the implications of on-campus spying.

"It's pretty scary to know that anything we say or do might be ending up in some file in Ottawa," he said. "It shows that somebody thinks students are a threat."

Civil Rights lawyer Stewart Istvanffy of the League of Rights and Liberties said student associations are often watched because they are likely to be in the middle of campus political activities.

"I don't think these people in the secret police, either the RCMP or the CSIS, understand what legitimate political dissent is or what democratic values are," he said.

Istvanffy thinks these types of incidents will intimidate activists against organizing activities that go against the political mainstream.

Concordia student legal advisor Nancy Doray, who was approached for help by one of the students questionned by the RCMP, said she is trying to arrange a meeting with the Mounties to get to the bottom of the incident. She said if it was the RCMP investigating on-campus political activities, the students would have political and legal recourse.

Under Canadian law, such investigations fall under the jurisdiction of the CSIS only. It would be illegal for the RCMP to get involved unless the students were involved in some crime.

According to university Ombudsperson Suzanne Belson, the RCMP occasionally makes discreet enquiries to the Registrar's office about certain students.

"They are only authorized to answer suc enquiries by confirming whether a particular student is registered or has a degree," she said. "They would need a subpoena to get any more detailed information than that.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers recently issued a policy statement concerning the role of public and private olice forces and security services on university campuses.

"University administrations should ensure that the rights of groups or individuals engaged in legal disent are protected and should oppose the activities of police and security forces engaged in general surveillance of groups or individuals on university campuses," the policy states.

Agenda

Use the Agenda to publicise any Concordia-related event. Drop off your info at our offices at Sir George(H-649) or mail it in, indicating Agenda on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday issues.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

What's new? Scandinavian Student Association at Concordia. 1st General Assembly today at 18:30 in the Hall Bldg. H-651. Scandinavians, Canadians and foreigners, students and faculty interested in knowing more about us-welcome. Elections will be held. Info. 483-2214.

Central America Committeee John Lider speaks on the life and work of his brother Benjamin, the first American to be killed by the contras. 4 pm, Hall 820. ph 848-7410.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Demonstration. Zellers has began seeling fur coats in their Lasalle stores. In an attempt to discourage this from spreading to other stores we are holding a series of anti-fur demonstrations. From 12-2:00 p.m. at the Zellers in Lasalle(7091 Newman). Sponsored by the Concordia Animal Rights Association. Info. CUSA room H-637.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Applied Social Science Student Association Writing Workshop. This workshop is given to focus on the parrticular style and requirements n writing an APSS term paper. Because of limited space, it is open only to students who are taking at least one APSS course. From 4-6 p.m. and from 8-10 p.m. in F-107(2085 Bishop). Info. 848-7445.

Canadian Authors Association sponsors a "Cluster Workshop" night(poetry fiction, non-fiction) at their meeting today in the SGW Faculty Club, 7th floor at 7:30 p.m. Info. 932-6717.

Classical Association of Canada Annual Lecture Tour sponsored by the Department of Classics: Visiting Leecturer-Dr. James Russell, University of British olumbia, "New Light on Augustan Rome", at 8:30 p.m. in room H-820. Admission is free.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Central America Committee presents: The Mayor of Managua, Moises Hassan, who will speak on "The Problems of Rural-Urban Migration in Nicaragua. At 2149 Mackay in the basement lounge at 4:00 p.m.

Loyola Awareness Day. Travel Resource Club is having it's annual Loyola Awareness Day. Those willing to participate please show up, room 508-2 of the Hall Bldg. Info. 848-7420.

WOMEN'S LISTINGS

Workshop Series on Personal Empowerment. First two of four on Oct 22 and 29th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Simone de Beauvoir Lounge(2170 Bishop). For more info. call 848-2370. Free.

Canadian writer/activist Jane Rule will be speaking on "Truthfulness in Literature" on October 23rd at 9:00 p.m., Hall Bldg., Room 937. Free.

Due to the successful firs showing of "Memoire de Notre Hystoire", the video will be presented again on October 26, at 7:00 p.m, at the N.F.B. Cinema, 200 Dorchester W. Cost is $7.00. For lesbians and women please.

Workshhop by Helen Workman on "How to Use Media Facilities" on Oct. 24 from 12:00 to 13:30 p.m. For more info. call the Women"s Centre at 848-7431. Free.

Call for letters of Protest: Furniture Company Domicil recently placed their advertisement pamphhlet in the Saturday's Gazette. Domicil inappropriately used phallic gender and child imagery to sell furniture...Anyone in opposition(and disgust) with these advertising tactics are urged to write the company in protest. A copy of the Domicil flyeris available at the Women's Centre, 2130 Mackay. The YWCA's feminisst committee is also active in coordinating the protest 866-9941.

Concordia Women's Collective meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Women's Centre(2130 Mackay). Be there or call us at 848-7411. We'd love to heal from you! Your enthusiasm and ideas are welcome.

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An open letter

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October 1987

Dear fellow students:

In 1985 the CUSA Board, recognising the urgent need of our University, enthusiastically endorsed the Campaign for Concordia by pledging $2 million in undergraduate student support, the money to be raised through a voluntary fee. To date, the contributions by the Concordia student body total approximately $1 million, HALF of our pledge goal.

Thus we students clearly qualify as full-fledged partners with thousands of other donors — corporations, foundations, Board of Governors members, faculty and staff, alumni and non-alumni individuals — who have invested in Concordia's future. Pledges from all sources have now surpassed $18.5 million against an objective of $25 million.

This collective support will underwrite excellent new facilities and program enhancement. Among these: a new Downtown Library Complex, an expanded and renovated Vanier Library, a performing arts centre at Loyola, better labs and classrooms, more scholarships and fellowships.

There will be those who say, "So what? I won't be around Concordia much longer anyway." To them we say that a successful campaign will elevate Concordia's stature and reputation, which in turn will steadily increase the marketability of our hard-won diplomas. Supporting the campaign is more than altruism. It is a matter of enlightened self-interest.

However, students can at any time up to October 30 opt out of their voluntary contribution for 1987-88. Cards for this purpose are available both at the CUSA offices and at Student Accounts on either campus.

Those students who have read this far obviously are used to thinking for themselves. We believe, if you apply logic and thought tothis question, that you will conclude, as we have, that this campaign supports things that go beyond changing fashions, changing circumstances, even changing administrations.

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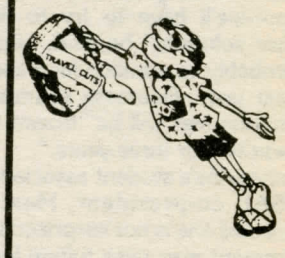

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Why can't Johnny read this? because his prof. can't teach

by Scott McCulloch

Many students are still functionally illiterate even after they receive a degree from Concordia.

Eight per cent of university graduates may be not be able to read and write, according to a recent survey done by Southam News.

According to English department chairperson Gerald Auchinachie, illiterate students at Concordia do exist and do succeed in their studies and graduate.

"I do believe there are some illiterate students," said Auchinachie," and it is very damaging to the university to have them out there (on the job market)."

Exactly who is responsible for illiteracy among students at the university level is open for debate. English professor Harry Hill said the fault does not lie in the instruction methods of high school or CEGEP teachers. He put the blame on the faculuties of education that certify teacher's competence.

"It is not their fault," said Hill. "The fault lies...on faculties of education who certify the teachers, who do not teach the teachers how to teach writing properly."

He said illiteracy cannot be eliminated entirely, even at the university level but if the eight per cent illiteracy figure is true, Hill would like to know how these students are admitted.

"At universities, which are supposed to be the highest form of education, I don't understand how it (illiteracy) happens," he said.

History department chairperson Graeme Decarie feels that the eight per cent figure is perhaps a low indication of functionally illiterate graduates and that the education system is partially responsible for the problem. He said most university professors have little or no training in the instruction of writing.

"Where are all these terrible teachers coming from, they're being trained by our universities, we're teaching them," he said.

Decarie claimed the problem cannot be pinned on university instructors exclusively but rather on the entire education system, starting at the primary level.

The university instituted a mandatory writing test a few years ago which is supposed to determine if a student has problems with written language. All students, except visa students and those who have passed certain english classes or journalism 201, have to pass the test to receive a diploma.

While Hill believes the university's writing test is a fool-proof determinator of a students' literacy, Decarie disagrees and says the test is "horseshit" because it does not determine a student's literacy level but merely allows the student to express himself.

"I think it i adequate to determine someone's ability to express themself," he said. "My problem with the test is that the university can flunk students on literacy after they've passed all their courses."

"That says there is something seriously wrong with the courses they were taking."

Foreign students, who are unfamiliar with the english language, make up a large portion of the functionally illiterate in Canadian universities so the statistics may be misleading.

Visa students are exempt from the university writing test presumably because they will be returning to their native country and not working in english, but that is not always the case.

According to Auchinachie, visa students may end up staying in Canada and graduating from the university without having written the university writing test and in fact may be functionally illiterate.

"I have been told by the academic advisor of the university that occasionally the illiteracy in the english language of a foreign student is overlooked time and time again until the student has virtually graduated," he said.

Concordia gives Ryan more time

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Premier Robert Bourassa.

"As long as the minister is prepared to change his position then we will deal with him," Kenniff said. "If in two weeks we don't have the results, we will have to plan a more active plan."

"We want equity with other universities," Kenniff said. "For years the government has said they recognise that we are not getting our fair share, but that there wasn't any money to correct the problem.

"But now that there is money to correct the inequities, for the first time the Minister is saying that the university isn't really that bad off after all," Kenniff said.

Concordia University Student's Association co-president Robert Douglas was disappointed the administration didn't take a tougher stand against the government at the assemblies and called the two week extention to the Minister "a joke".

"Kenniff took a whole hour out of his busy schedule and, and for what," Douglas said. "I thought they were going to have a plan of action, but it was a joke."

Douglas says the administration had the opportunity to mobalize the university, but they didn't do it.

"They should have decided at the assemblies which day to close the school," he said. "By the time they do something it'll probably be too late."

The administration hopes students and faculty will pressure MNAs into influencing Ryan's decision through a letter writing campaign in the two week grace period

CUSA is also printing up form letters for students to send to the minister and MNAs. The letters can be picked up at CUSA offices.

The university will receive only $183,000 of the money to re-adjust inequities in base funding instead of $741,100, which the administration believes is the absolute minimum Concordia should receive.

Kenniff says the money Concordia is getting in Ryan's proposal sets a precedent saying that Concordia is not all that underfunded after all.

"We need a recognisation and correction of the historical underfunding of Concordia since 1974," Kenniff said at a press conference following the assembly at the downtown campus.

"We have always been told that things will change, but now with this proposal it takes that hope away," he said.

Concordia has been receving $1,300 in grants per student below the provicial average, but if Ryan's funding formula for this year passes through the National Assembly, Concordia will fall an additional $50 below the average.

Kenniff said the university is pleased that the government has given universities an additional $40 million this year; it is the distrubution of the money which Concordia can not accept.

Of the additional money, $15-million is going towards the base funding of universities, with $11.25 million of it being distributed pro-rata based primarily on the old formula of funding and with the remaining $3.75 million to be used to correct inequities between funding of the universities.

Kenniff says that by giving the university so little money, the government is refusing to recognise Concordia's historical underfunding as compared to other universities.

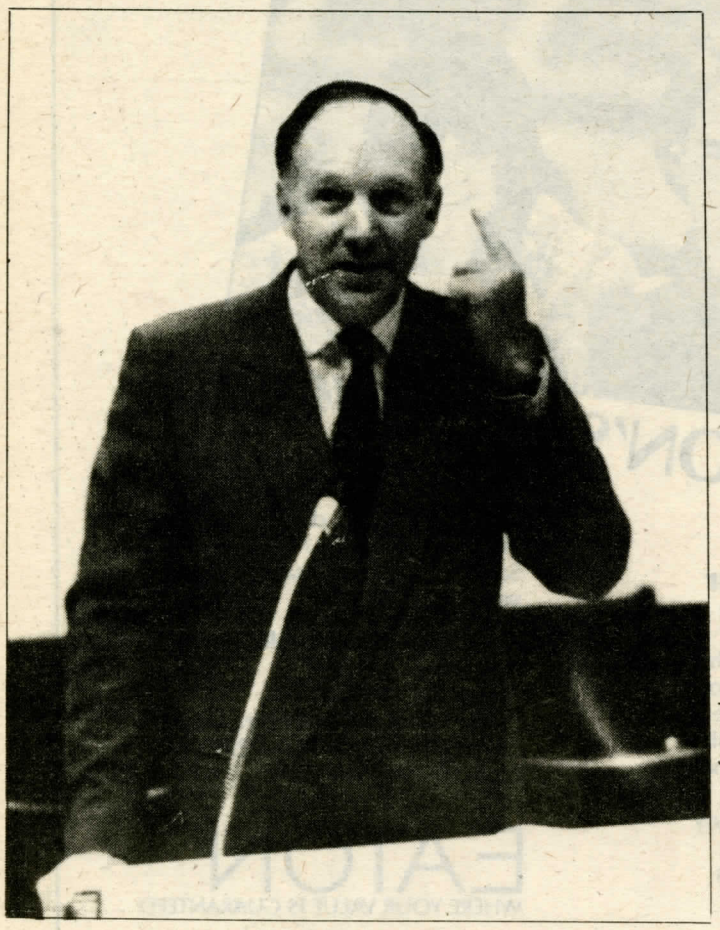

photo by Barbara Davidson

"One. Just one more time. tell us once more we're not getting any more money Mr. Ryan, and we'll hold our breath till we turn blue."

Shades of the deep south

by Max Wallace

Angela Davis remembers being turned away from hotels and restaurants because of her colour in the American South 25 years ago.

But when she approached the front desk of Montreal's Hotel Maritime last Friday, she was rather surprised by her reception.

The renowned civil rights activist had been booked into the hotel by Concordia's Black Women's Congress, who brought her to Montreal to lecture at the university Friday.

When Davis and Congress co-ordinator Lynn Calliste—both of whom are black—walked up to the hotel desk to check in, they were told by a desk clerk that there were no more rooms available.

"They took one look at us and immediately informed us we couldn't check in," Davis told *the Link* after her speech Friday in front of a packed Hall Building auditorium. "We tried to tell the person that the room had already been booked and paid for in advance but he told us that we should have confirmed our booking.

"We tried to get him to look at his reservation list but he was saying our room was cancelled, even though he still didn't know who we were."

Only after Davis asked Calliste whether this is the hotel the university always deals with, did the desk clerk punch her name into the computer and let her check in.

Concordia frequently puts up visiting lecturers at the Hotel Maritime.

"It was an unbelievable scene," said Davis. "This kind of thing doesn't even happen in Birmingham, Alabama anymore."

On Wednesday, CUSA launched a formal protest with the hotel management against their treat ent of Davis.

After investigating the incident, the front desk manager promised to send Davis a letter of apology, according to Calliste. The hotel also offered to give Davis a free night accomodation the next time she comes to Montreal.

"They assured us that there was no racism involved," said Calliste," but I doubt whether she'll be too anxious to stay there again after what happened."

The Hypnosis laboratory of Concordia University is looking for participants for studies involving memory, imagery and hypnosis. Those interested should contact the hypnosis laboratory. Tuesday to Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or Friday between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. At 848-2213. Volunteers will be paid for their participation.

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Amnesty International is having an information booth in the Hall building lobby this week.

PMS treatment may be in sight

A McGill graduate psychology student is studying ways to bring relief to millions of women who suffer from pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS).

Cynthia Graham, a Ph.D. research student said, "Treatments for PMS have seldom been evaluated in controlled studies. There is no real evidence to support any proposed treatment."

PMS causes a variety of physical and emotional responses leading into the menstrual cycle. Graham's research involves women afflicted by moderate to severe pre-menstrual symptoms. Volunteers are given low-dose hormones and are compared to a control group given placebos to alleviate their symptoms.

The study will take four months. The first month is used to get an idea of each woman's symptoms with three following months of treatment. The subject must fill out and mail daily questionnaires noting her reactions, and meet with Graham once a month.

Treatment will be applied free of charge and individual results will be made available to subjects at the end of the study.

Graham's research is a long-term clinical study done in association with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Jewish General Hospital and the C.S.L.C. Metro.

The research involves women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are seeking help for severe pre-menstrual symptoms. Participants cannot be using oral contraceptives and each subject is screened by a gynecologist.

With her study, Graham hopes to provide some evidence regarding the effectiveness of this low-dose hormone as a treatment for PMS.

Any woman wishing further information can contact Graham at 398-6145

"Propaganda" tour denounced

MONTREAL (CUP)—A tour of Canada by black South African officials has been denounced as a propaganda ploy by local anti-apartheid groups.

The three-week long visit featuring a delegation of four members of the Lekoa regional city council was sponsored by South African business people. The delegation came at the invitation of the Canadian Friends of South Africa Society (CFSAS), a Vancouver-based organisation.

"These people are part of a massive propaganda campaign orchestrated by the South African embassy," said Adrian Archer, a member of Concodia Students Against Apartheid. "They have no credibilty in the black community."

"I have never even heard of these people before," said Lisa Hardin, an executive of the McGill University South African Committee. "It seems their requests run counter to what has been advocated by other black leaders."

Calling the delegation's appeal for "greater understanding" between Canadians and South Africans "hogwash", Archer said that the CFSAS had close ties with the South African regime.

"The CFSAS is a right- wing group that is sometimes tied with Conservative politcians," he said. "The South African government has been sending lies to these Conservative people."

The CFSAS was one of the organizers of last August's ten-day visit to South Africa by four Saskatchewan native leaders, Archer said.

"No attempts to pump up a few puppet leaders will bring peace to South Africa," he said. "They should be ashamed as black men to be touring Canada misinforming people.

"Unfortunally, the South African government has more money than anti-apartheid groups to fund slick propaganda campaigns with brochures, pamphlets and touring visitors."

Referring to a statement by tour-member Esua Mahlatsi that "great strides have already been made in the dismantlement of apartheid," Hardin said that "most changes are cosmetic like letting black people ride on buses but the structure hasn't changed at all.

Group asked to come out for funds

MONTREAL (CUP)—A school policy requiring student groups to submit the names of their members has come under attack from gays and lesbians at Quebec's largest public university.

To receive funding, undergraduate groups at l'Universite du Quebec a Montreal (UQAM) have to submit the names of at least 200 members so the university can verify their student status and collect their membership fees. Only departmental associations are exempt from the policy.

Gay and Lesbian UQAM students have charged that such a policy would force their members to make their sexual orientation public.

"The problem with this method is that the university asks for the names and ID numbers of students who want to become members," said Raymond-Paul Joly, a member of l'Association des gays et lesbiennes de l"UQAM (ALGUQAM).

ALGUQAM has applied for funding this October. The association has to gather a list of 200 members by January 5.

"There are hundreds of gay students at UQAM but people are afraid it will be noted on their record," Joly said. "Besides, who would want to go to the registrar to pay the membership fees and risk being recognised?"

Joly added that straight students who would want to join ALGUQAM as sympathizers might also be discouraged by the current funding policy.

UQAM official Joanne Babin, who works for the university's community services department, says the group never told her of their criticisms.

"The university is ready to listen to them," she said. "But I can't argue their case with my superiors if the students don't tell me what the problem is."

Babin said the universtiy was not likely to make an exemption to the policy because "every group would want to be treated in a special way."

"The problem for us now is to find 200 members willing to go public," Joly said.

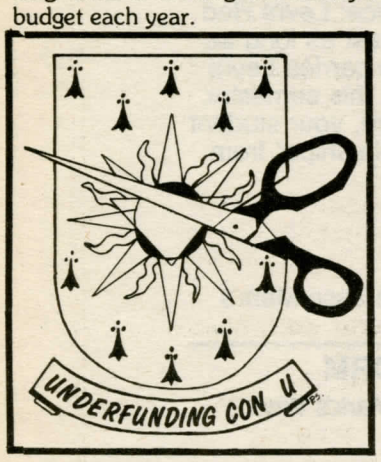
underfunding hits hard

Commerce feeling the pinch

by Janice Edwards

Underfunding has left Concordia Commerce students with a chronic lack of space and facilities, and has made it impossible for the faculty to offer new courses.

Commerce Dean Steven Appelbaum says Concordia's underfunding crisis is eroding the faculty's budget each year.



"The Commerce budget gets compressed, and we can't hire as good a quality of faculty," Appelbaum said. "We're mortgaging away the future."

He said he is worried that qualified teachers with MBAs will by-pass Concordia to take up more lucrative positions at other universitiess or corporations because of the lack of money within the university .

"People want the professors," Applebaum added. "If they (the professors) perceive there's a problem here, they'll bail out. Why should they stay here?"

As a result of budgetary cutbacks, each Commerce student is funded 36 per cent less than the Quebec average of $7,400 per student per year. The average Concordia student is underfunded by at least $1,350 per year.

While other Montreal universities offer commerce students a business library, Concordia doesn't have enough money or space to set one up.

"Our students go wandering from buiding to building because they have no business space to call their own," said associate Dean of Commerce and Administrative Affairs Irene Devine.

Devine said the faculty needs to keep up with technological advances in the business world.

"Many faculty come to me begging for money to buy computers, software and instructional packages," she said.

The Commerce department is just scraping by because of the underfunding problem, Devine added.

Associate Dean of undergraduate programmes and student affairs Roland Wills says another problem is courses that need to be added to the programme are not getting off the ground because of the lack of money.

He said a planned Commerce Communications course to start September 1988 is in jeapordy because of the lack of funding within the department.

"Even though it was recognized as being pedagogically necessary.. the funds are not available," Wills said.

Commerce student's association (CASA) president Derrick Ajmo, a second-year commerce student, says the Commerce programmme's problems have affected the students ability to learn.

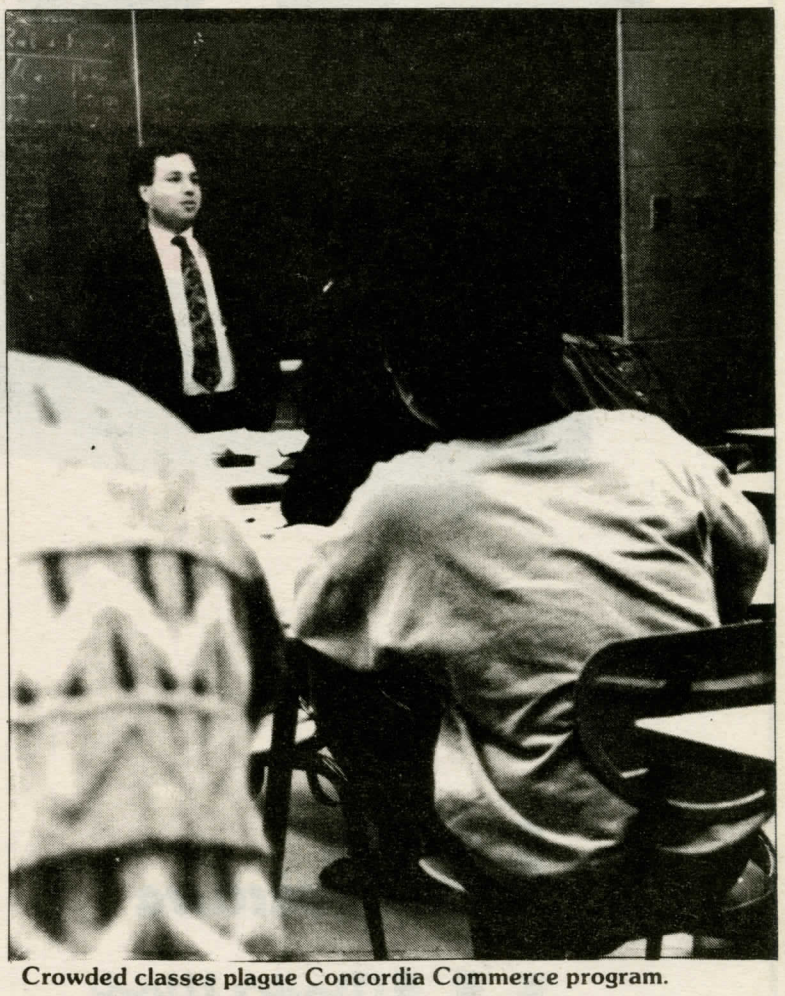
Underfunding has forced the faculty to pass the responsibilty for tutorials onto the shoulders of CASA, which the association is in no position to handle.

Ajmo said CASA cannot function as it would like to, and is unable to provide tutorials which leaves students without an important learning tool.

He says that most of the students he knows in Commerce go to the better equipped McGill library to take out books.

"I've been at Concordia for a year and a half and I'm yet to take a book out (from the library)," he said.

Part three of a series on the underfunding crisis of Concordia University.



Crowded classes plague Concordia Commerce program.

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Indie invasion

by Rina Gribovsky

Three years ago, Psyche Industry Records launched the all-Montreal, very underground compilation called *Primitive Air-Raid- Montreal '84*. (Well, it was almost all-Montreal; **Porcelain Forehead** came from Ottawa.) Featuring an interesting assortment of punk and hardcore bands the likes of The Asexuals, The Nils, and Fair Warning, the record was one of Montreal's very first independently released albums. And it was one mean album, believe me. Loud. Fast. Aggressive. The kind of record you put on to scare your parents. I did.

But even though *Primitive Air-Raid* wasn't exactly refined (I'm not only talking genre of music, but production quality and album cover as well), it was pretty well responsible for the vinyl explosion that would hit the city within the next few years. Today, there are no less than four (count 'em) indie record companies around Montreal- "indie" meaning that none of them are subsidized by or in any way affiliated with a big-name record company like Polygram or WEA. It's a classic example of the little guy struggling to keep his head above water while the huge conglomerates reap all the profits....

Psyche Industry Records, headed by Dan Webster, handle much of the punk and hardcore bands. Og, started by Gerard Van Herk and Tony Dewald of Deja Voodoo fame, is oriented towards sludgeabilly and garage-punk trash. VOT Records, run by Duncan McTavish, is the most mainstream, handling a lot of the lighter pop "dance" bands. Pipeline, directed by Bill Vivares, hasn't really shown a musical preference; they've released records by Three O'Clock Train (country rock), Ray Condo and his Hadrock Goners (high-powered, 40's and 50's rockabilly), Jerry Jerry and the Sonsof Rhythm Orchestra (gospel-country-punk), and The Doughboys (punk 'n' roll).

There are also quite a few Montreal bands around these days who are feeling just so gosh-darned independent that they don't even sign with an indie label, but release their records under their own. Now *that's* creative control- you can sing, play, and produce howeverthefuck you want and don't have to answer to anyone. Ha! Of course, one of the advantages of signing onto a label is that all your paperwork, distribution, and sometimes even financial problems are over: the label takes over the business end of the deal while the musicians, rarely business people at heart, take care of the music. Sometimes it even works.

So many bands released albums this summer, it was getting hard to keep track of them all. And the variety! There was some of everything: hardcore, speedcore, deathwave bat-cave, mod, pop, sludge, que be-cois avant-garde, industrial, grunge-surf, gospel-punk, psychedelia-influenced and REM-influenced...whew!

I might as well start with BAB. These guys released their first, self-titled EP on their own label, Bone Records (cute). Those who attended the record launch at Foufounes last May were no doubt impressed by both the band's performance and the fact that this was actually a record launch at which the record was present. Finally. BAB must hold the record (no pun intended) for the most problems had with putting out a record. Talk about bad luck: a pressing company went bankrupt on them, several test pressings were no good, you name it. I think their first launch had been scheduled for early December.

Despite all the mishaps, the end-product was well worth the wait. The EP captured BAB's sound extremely well, even considering that side one had been recorded two years prior with a different drummer. It's a rather dark and heavy album, with the emphasis on throbbing bass and drum rhythms pounded out exclusively on toms. Eerie synth, distorted guitar, and anguished vocals complete the picture. The result is not entirely unlike Joy Division, although BAB don't really like the comparison and I may get in trouble for saying that.

The Mongols released their first EP, *Sleepwalk*, just a couple of months before lead singer and guitarist Kim Shadow fell to his death from a rooftop this summer. A fairly new Montreal ensemble, they had gained quite a few fans with their unique blend of grungy-psychedelic, instrumental-surf party music. Released independently through Primitive Records, *Sleepwalk* featured several originals as well as a cover of Hasil Adkins' "Chicken Walk". It was a promising first effort, and it's a shame that there won't be any more where that came from.

The Now are a trio who bear an uncanny resemblance to The Jam. They released their full-length album, *Presently Here Today*, at a Station 10 record launch in late May. A band tht's been around for quite some time now, The Now are real fun to see live: their mod-style music is energetic and punchy, complete with a pounding bass, driving beat, and gut-wrenching vocal harmonies. Unfortunately the album doesn't really capture the group's spirit and energy: the production's a bit too clean, the songs a bit too slow. Released through the band's label Circle Records, the LP is more regular pop and less The Jam circa '78. Oh well....

Of Tanz Victims, possibly the only industrial band to hail from Montreal, released their third (!) album early this summer. Three albums is a lot for a local band (even The Asexuals only have two out) but Tanz seems to keep a low profile, and has a relatively small but devoted followig. This album is entitled *Ostrov a Novo Sibirsky* and was released on indie label Banker Records.

Weather Permitting launched their first album, *Into the Ground*, at Club Soda in June. Released through the VOT record label, this LP unfortunately disappointed everyone, including the band. A talented group whose guitar-oriented "rock" is reminiscent of REM and The Byrds, Weather Permitting came out sounding shallow and ill-produced on the record. In fact, so dissatisfied were they with their first album that they are now in the midst of recording their second, with promises that it'll be a hundred-fold improvement over *Into the Ground*.

Failsafe, one of Montreal's newer hardcore bands, released their first album independently in early July. This was another launch to take place at the electric you-know-whats, and although I was unable to attend, I heard that Failsafe put on one amazing show. Not just any old generic hardcore band, Failsafe's trademark is lyrics that make you think (well, they should, anyway). Way to go!

Jerry Jerry and the Sons of Rhythm Orchestra (they must have fun spray-painting that name on walls) were originally based in Edmonton, but moved to Montreal last fall. They put out their second album, *Battle Hymn of the Apartment*, through Pipeline this summer. Their first LP, *Road Gore: The Band That Drank Too Much*, was released while the band was still residing in Alberta. It introduced the unsuspecting public to Jerry Jerry's quirky style of music- part country, part gospel, and totally enjoyable.

Their second LP is still chock full of country influences, sarcastic references to religion, and a twisted sense of humour, but it has a tougher edge that leans more towards punk than the group's earlier material.

Although the Montreal underground music scene has been dominated by mostly anglophone bands up until now, this is on the verge of changing. Vent du Mont Scharr (a play on Vendu mon Char, get it?) released their first LP, *Vent du Mont Scharr* through Ultimatum Records in August. I suppose that the best way to describe them is avant-garde, franco-fun jazzy wierdness.

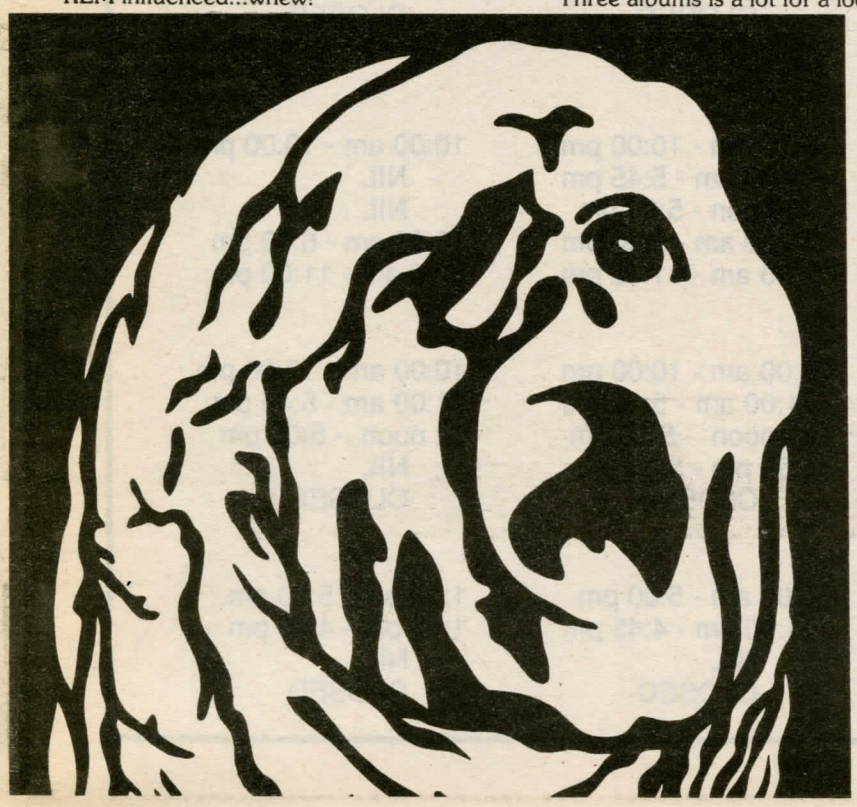
The very danceable, extremely enjoyable "60's-pop-punk" of Sons of the Desert seems to make a hit with everyone, young and old, rude boy or skinhead. They released their self-titled, seven-song EP on indie label Dessert (another cute name) this summer. Perhaps the sound isn't one of the "Best Things" around ("too much snare and vocals" is a popular gripe), and the faster songs work better than the slower numbers, but it's still a real good album. Lotsa fun. For God's sake don't take them seriously.

It's only fitting that I get to mention the latest offering from Deja Voodoo, the great-grand-daddies of the local underground scene. Released on their Og label, *The Worst of Deja Voodoo* is a compilation of all of the band's "hits" over the past five years. There's "Monsters in my Garage", "Rock Therapy", "Into the Gumbo", "Van Gogh's Ear", "I Wanna Come Back From the World of LSD" and many other favorites. This is vintage garage minimalist(boy is it minimalist) sludgeabilly. When God made Voodoo he broke the mold....

If you've been reading this article until now grumbling to yourself that I've been tlking about a buncha sissies, you'll change your mind after you see who the next band is. Yes, I'm talking about none other than the kings of speed-metal themselves, Dead Brain Cells. Now that's loud. That's mean. That's not just speed-metal, but super-fast death speed-metal from Hell!! Produced by Steve Sinclair, re-mixed in NYC, and released on Combat Records (based in New York), this is the first of a six record deal DBC signed this spring. Beware, world! Dead Brain Cells're on the rampage, and they're not gonna stop until every single neuron is GONE!!!

Well, there's one more EP by one more band, and probably not a lot of people have heard of them. The name of the group is Ant Farm, the record is called *Grunt*, and the record launch took place at Poodles earlier this month. Released independently, the EP is at times slow psychedelic, at time raunchy punk, at times 70's, guitar-solo-ridden hard rock; the only commom thing binding all the songs together is a haunting, "Jesus and Mary Chain"-style voice. It's the type of record you'd want to listen to all alone, in the middle of the night, with the lights out. A real mood piece, this.

Well there you have it folks. A run-down of all (at least I hope it's all) the albums and EP's released by local bands within the last half year. I hope I've included something of interest to everyone; and the next time some ding dong tells you that there's no good music coming out of Montreal, just show them this. It's time the local talent started getting the recognition it deserves!



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Concordia Chamber Players their first concert this year. It's free but early arrival is suggested. Sat. Oct.24at 8pm in the Loyola Chapel, 7414 Sherbrooke W. Info 848-4706.

Live classical music FREE on Sunday night at la Chaconne, 342 Ontario E. Starts at 8:30pm.

Battle of the Bands at Station 10. $2 for three bands every Monday night in October. Monday Oct.26 is *Lori and the Locusts, Renegade Moose* and *Al Crooke*. Shows start at 10.

Shank and **Kali and Dub, Inc.** Rocktober at the Loyola Campus Centre, tonight at 9pm. Advance tix are available at both CUSA offices for $3; $4 at the door.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

On October 26th, the following revised schedule of library services will come into effect. In approving this revision and the associated additional expenditures, the University's senior administration wishes to underscore its commitment to meeting certain essential needs of the community and its unwillingness to accept chronic underfunding of the university as a reason to accede to significant reductions in the quality of educational sevices offered to its students.

The revised schedule compares favourably to those of other Montreal universities and should meet the needs of both full and part time students.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY HOURS (Weekly comparison)

	1986/87 hours A	Current 1987/88 hours B	Decrease compared to 1986/87 A-B	**Revised hours effective Oct. 26/87 C**	Change compared to 1986/87 A-C
Norris hours					
Open for study	98.50	75.50	23.00	**98.50**	0.00
Circulation	83.75	69.75	14.00	**75.75**	8.00
Reference	78.00	67.00	11.00	**67.00**	11.00
Gov't Pub's & Microforms	75.25	60.50	14.75	**60.50**	14.75
Non-print	64.25	51.50	12.75	**51.50**	12.75
Interlibrary loans	40.00	40.00	0.00	**40.00**	0.00
SEL hours					
Open for study	94.50	66.50	28.00	**94.50**	0.00
Circulation	76.00	63.00	13.00	**69.00**	7.00
Reference	70.00	62.00	8.00	**62.00**	8.00
H-437	77.00	61.00	16.00	**77.00**	0.00
H-431	105.00	71.00	34.00	**105.00**	0.00
Vanier hours					
Open for study	98.50	75.50	23.00	**98.50**	0.00
Circulation	83.75	69.75	14.00	**75.75**	8.00
Reference	78.00	67.00	11.00	**67.00**	11.00
Non-print	68.25	59.75	8.50	**59.75**	8.50
Interlibrary loans	40.00	40.00	0.00	**40.00**	0.00
Drummond hours					
Open for study	74.50	64.50	10.00	**74.50**	0.00
Circulation	72.75	64.00	8.75	**70.75**	2.00
Reference	40.00	40.00	0.00	**40.00**	0.00
Basement	32.50	32.50	0.00	**32.50**	0.00

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY HOURS

October 26 - December 21, 1987

	Monday-Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Norris				
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Circulation	8:30 am - 9:45 pm	8:30 am - 5:45 pm	11:00 am - 5:45 pm	11:00 am - 5:45 pm
Reference	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm
Gov't Pub's & Microforms	9:00 am - 8:45 pm	9:00 am - 5:45 pm	12 Noon - 4:45 pm	NIL
Non-print	9:00 am - 6:45 pm	9:00 am - 4:45 pm	1:00 pm - 4:45 pm	NIL
Interlibrary loans	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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Open for study	8:30 am - 11:00 pm	8:30 am - 8:00 pm	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Circulation	8:30 am - 9:45 pm	8:30 am - 5:45 pm	11:00 am - 5:45 pm	NIL
Reference	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm	NIL
4th floor (H-437) - study	10:00 am - 11:00 pm	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
4th floor (H-431) - study	8:00 am - 11:00 pm	8:00 am - 11:00 pm	8:00 am - 11:00 pm	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
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Non-print	9:00 am - 8:45 pm	9:00 am - 4:45 pm	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	NIL
Interlibrary loans	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 4:45 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Drummond Science				
Open for study	8:30 am - 10:00 pm	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Circulation	8:30 am - 9:45 pm	8:30 am - 4:45 pm	11:00 am - 4:45 pm	1:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Reference	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	NIL	NIL
Basement	10:00 am - 4:30 pm	10:00 am - 4:30 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED

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Benjamin Linder: Death of a real freedom fighter

"The U.S. government killed my brother. The contras killed my brother. Ronald Reagan says he is a contra. My brother's death was not an accident. His death was policy."

These angry words were spoken by John Linder immediately after his brother Benjamin became the first U.S. citizen to be assassinated by the Nicaraguan contras, supplied and financed by the Reagan administration. During the past summer John and other members of the Linder family travelled to over 90 American cities to give testimony of Ben's courage, generosity and dedication. On Friday, October 23 at 4 pm, John Linder will bring his brother's story to Concordia in H-820.

In the early morning of April 28, 1987, Benjamin Linder, a 27 year-old mechanical engineer, was surveying a stream for possible hydroelectric use in a remote part of northern Nicaragua. Accompanying Linder were seven Nicaraguans who he was training. A group of 20 contras lay in wait about 50 feet away, hidden in a wooded area. Suddenly the contras opened fire and hurled hand grenades, seriously injuring Linder and two Nicaraguans, Pablo Rosales and Sergio Fernandez. The three were then finished off by the contra attackers. Pablo Rosales was stabbed in the heart, while Sergio Fernandez was killed by a bullet through the ear. Immobilized by wounds to his legs and arms, Ben Linder was then mercilessly shot in the head at point-blank range. This conclusion was reached by three doctors, one Nicaraguan and two American, who examined the bodies shortly afterwords.

The death of Ben Linder and his two Nicaraguan companions was neither accidental nor isolated. Since 1981 the contras have killed hundreds of Nicaraguan teachers, doctors, agronomists and other skilled personnel in an effort to destroy any social or economic progress in the lives of the Nicaraguan people. This deliberate terrorist policy has also resulted in the deaths of over 10,000 Nicaraguan civilians. Starting in 1986 contras have began to target international workers. A contra spokesperson threatened that, "any foreigner who voluntary aids in development and reconstruction projects is considered an enemy."

During 1986 eight West European volunteers were killed and a dozen Germans were kidnapped but released shortly afterwards due to intense international pressure.

When the contras began their offensive last December, a major effort was focused on sabotaging Nicaragua's electrical infrastructure and attacking any personnel involved, both Nicaraguan and foreign. They were greatly aided by the CIA which provided them with detailed plans for dams, electrical projects, and other infrastructure. Ben Linder was probably of special interest to contra commanders. He was the engineer of a small, 100 kilowatt hydro-electric plant near the village of El Cua. It came on line in May 1986, the first plant of its kind to be completed since the 1979 revolution. Afterwards, Linder devoted all his energies to developing a larger hydro-electric plant which would develop light industry and raise the living standards in northern Nicaragua, a particularly poor region of a poor, underdeveloped country.

Among the contras' many attacks on the electrical network earlier this spring was a sabotage attempt against Linders El Cua project on March 24. Fortunately a dozen militiamen were able to defend the plant against a force of 70 contra.

Ben Linder knew only too well that he was in great danger from the contras who maintained a strong presence in the area and who had declared enemies all foreign aid workers He was also well aware that he was a specific target of the contras when a co-worker's sister, who was kidnapped by contras and later escaped, told him that he was on their hit list. Linder was naturally afraid, but this did not in the least discourage him from continuing his valuable work. He believed that "If he was to be intimidated by them, they would have won the battle." On the morning of April 28 Linder went to work on his project as he had done many days before, and died tragically at the hands of the contras . On the same night that he was brutally murdered, U.S. Armed Froces radio quoted a contra spokesperson confirming that Linder was targetted in an effort to send a message to other foriegn aid volunteers working in support of the Nicaraguan revolution.

Although the contras pulled the trigger which killed Linder, It is the Reagan administration which bears the responsibility for this terrorist act committed against one of its own citizens. The contras have always been Reagan's favourite instrument in attacking the Nicaraguan people, their elected government, and their achievements. The CIA directs the contras and identifies specific civilian targets for them to attack. The National Security Council has funded the contras through secret Swiss bank accounts, using money from arms sales to Iran and profits of contra drug-running. The Pentagon has trained the contras in the U.S. and provided them with tons of equipment through so-called "maneuvers" in neighbouring Honduras.

Ben Linder died doing what he wanted to most in life, help other people. After he graduated from the University of Washinton at Seattle in 1983, Linder wondered how he could best use his skills and his desire to build things which were urgently needed.

Ben Linder left a fruitful legacy in Nicaragua. A few days after his death, a serious problem developed at his El Cua project. When every able-bodied man of the village turned out to fix it, they were fired upon by a group of contras and suffered many wounded. Undeterred they returned the next day. and Ben's project was soon as good as new. American volunteers to Nicaragua doubled in number during the summer to carry on Ben's dream and permanent workers already in Nicaragua vowed to carry on as never before. The spirit of Benjamin Linder lives on in the hearts of the Nicaraguan people and in those who share his ideals, courage and dedication in the struggle for justice, peace and dignity in Nicaragua.

by Wayne Hiltz

Letters

CUSA generals ignore rules

to the editor,

Here we go again with the "will Concordia students join an ANEEQ strike?" question. The last time this came up, at least CUSA tried to find an honest answer to the question by holding a General Meeting of students.

But who needs General Meetings when you've got General Douglas and his loyal staff officers?

CUSA co-president Robert Douglas was quoted in the October 20 *Link* as saying: "The only people who would support a strike are CUSA members and the media." How does he know whether CUSA "members" support the strike or not, since the CUSA by-laws clearly state that the "members" are all Concordia students? He seems to think that he and the twenty-odd people on the CUSA Board of Directors are all the members CUSA needs to make major decisions.

Given this apparently cavalier attitude, it's a good thing the CUSA by-laws were changed two years ago to force referendums on CUSA fee increases, or else General Douglas and his staff would probably have imposed one on the student population already.

A lot of thinking, debate and rethinking went into the CUSA by-laws before they were adopted in the spring of 1983. The provisions for general meetings and referendums were not included just for laughs. They demonstrated a concrete commitment on the part of CUSA to consult students on major issues. This commitment has now been violated.

What position the CUSA Board takes on the ANEEQ strike is irrelevant. By not allowing for a General Meeting on the ANEEQ issues and strategies, the Board has failed to meet its most important responsibilities: informing students, inciting informed debate and allowing real "members" to decide what "Concordia students think".

L'assemblee generale est mort, vive l'oligarche.

Peter Wheeland

Just the facts please

to the editor,

I would like to comment on the journalistic standards of *the Link*, especially those in your October 2 issue; abysmally low may be the best description.

A newspaper should present the facts as impartially and as fairly as possible; you are no doubt aware of this since Concordia's students are constantly reminding you of this standard. The highlight of the October 2 issue Nigel Wright's letter in which he points out the weaknesses of the *the Link* as a serious newspaper: biased journalism, inefficient reporting, and inaccurate facts are the main faults. Examples are fairly blatant; headlines such as "Ex-P.M. bores Concordia" and "Jerks jeer as women march" may belong on an Editorial page but not in a News Briefs column. These headlines insult the intelligence of students who are quite capable of reachinig their own conclusions based on fact, not your reporter's opinions.

I also hope that in the future you check your figures before you claim that CUSA is raising their fees by 40 per cent; the fee is currently $1.60 per credit and the proposed 40 cent increase is 25 per cent, not 40.

It's a shame that the student's don't pay for *the Link* directly instead of indirectly (through student fees); if that were the case, maybe our cancelled subscriptions would provide an inspiration for you to shape up.

Andrew Shore

"Well paid" relative

to the editor,

With reference to your article of October 6, 1987 concerning cutbacks in library services, I was particularly surprised to learn that university staff are 'well paid' and possess 'a lot of disposable income'.

In reality, this is certainly not the case at Concordia. The non-academic staff at Concordia can hardly be considered 'well paid'. The majority of the non-academic staff lag signifiganly behind their counterparts at other institutions (and the private sector) in terms of salaries and benefits.

I believe that it is important that the staff at Concordia are not in any way considered responsible for cutbacks in services in the University.

C. Tilson
Engineering and Computer Science

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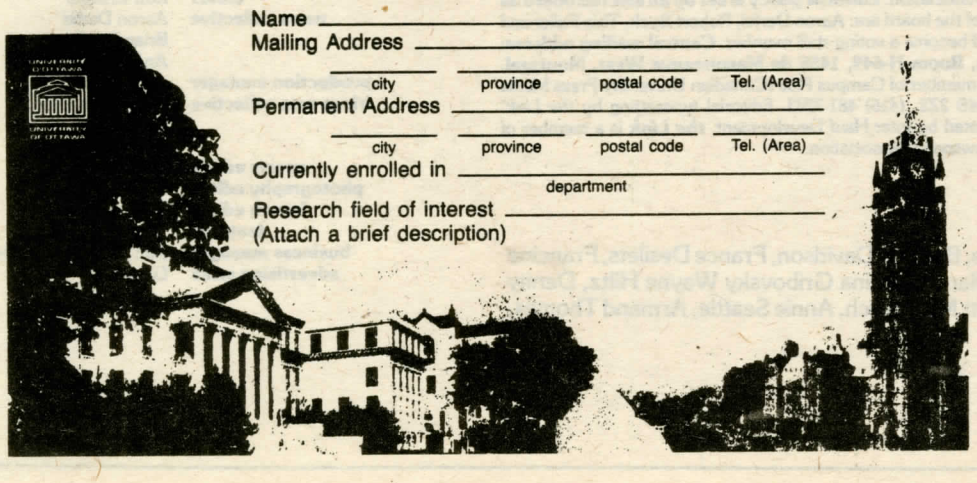

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Sports

Men's soccer team keeps rolling

"The Untouchables"

By John Gillanders and Andrew Martindale

The men's soccer Stingers extended their unbeaten record to four games when they shut out UQTR 3-0 at Loyola field last Sunday.

They had also been scheduled to play Bishop's University on Friday, but that game was cancelled when the referees did not show up.

The victory keeps Concordia in second place, one point behind McGill, but the Stingers hold two games in hand (before Wednesday's game at Sherbrooke). The two top teams will square off on Sunday at Molson Stadium, 2 p.m.

With only one week left in the season, Concordia has an excellent shot at first place, which would secure the home field advantage for the playoffs.

Captain Paul Musson says playing at Loyola makes a big difference: "We play better on our own field. McGill has astroturf; we're not used to that and McGill has trouble on natural grass. If we have to play at Sherbrooke, it's almost three hours away and we always seem to play on a Wednesday night."

In their first game against Trois Rivieres two weeks ago, Concordia had a hard time with UQTR's rough style. It took a desperate effort in the last ten minutes for them to score twice and steal a win.

But on Sunday it was no contest. UQTR's scrappy kick and run style went nowhere against Concordia's superior skill. Led by brothers Pat and Paul Musson at midfield, Concordia kept the play almost exclusively in their opponents' half.

Pat Musson scored early when he redirected a pass from his brother into the low right-hand corner at the 19th minute.

The Stingers made it two-zip before the half ended, while not allowing UQTR anything that resembled a scoring chance until the 58th minute of the game.

Still, stand-in coach Dave Paris complained that his team had lacked intensity.

His thoughts were echoed by the team captain: "We played better than the last time we met them, but still not very well.

At times we played down to their level."

When asked if this might be a problem in their upcoming game against McGill he replied, "No, McGill is a different matter.

We shouldn't have any trouble getting ready for that game."

Despite some sluggish play, the Stingers had their moments of excellence. Michel Laliberte scored five minutes after Musson. With some neat footwork, he took the ball from midfield and dropped a long, high shot in behind the goalkeeper.

In the middle of the second half Concordia moved the ball forward with authority, but came up empty on six or seven exciting opportunities.

Paul Musson finally made good on a rebound at the 79th minute.

Trois Rivieres tried several times to mount a comeback, but in the face of a determined Concordia defense, the most they could do was control the ball for a few passes.

On Friday the Stingers visit Bishop's to make up one of its three postponed games. Another game against the Gaiters, and one with Sherbrooke, will be rescheduled later.

That could delay the playoffs by a week, but on an up note, it will mean more of the quality soccer the men's squad has provided.

photo by: Andrew Martindale

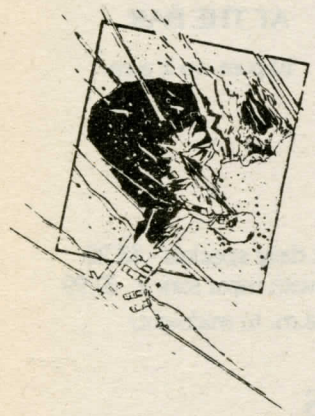
T.R. Goaler can't do it alone, Stingers coast to 3-0 win.

Gearing up for the downhill season

by Doug Kraut

Nothing confirms the coming of winter like the sight of a ski team in dry-land training.

With the first race still three



months away, about 60 students are vying for a spot on the Concordia ski team - a good indication that the university will once again be competitive on the Quebec Univerity Athletic Association circuit.

Last year, the ladies' team placed a solid third while the men finished fourth in the nine-team stndings.

"We have some potentially outstanding rookies this year," said th men's team captain Stephan Rivard, last year's rookie of the year.

Newcomers Robert Seguin and Gary Greibs veterans will join proven veterans like the brother and sister duo of Renata and Marc Scheib.

Marc placed fifth in last year's prestigious Can-Am race, while Renata placed fourth and finished second overall in the women's QUAA standings.

The Can-Am is an annual three day meet held at the end of the regular QUAA calender season. Teams from New England, Ontario and Quebec compete in one slalom and two giant-slalom races.

Only 21 skiiers - compared with 30 last year - will be allowedonthe team. Concordia is entering ten men and eleven women.

The revised guideline is due in part to some smaller universities (Bishop's, Ottawa and Sherbrooke) joining the larger schools (Concordia, McGill, UQAM, U of M, Laval and Trois-Rivieres) on the circuit.

The QUAA was forced to lower the amount of racers on each team in order to have no more than 150 skiiers on the circuit.

Concordia's team receives no financial assistance from the university, but instead finances itself through its annual ski-sale drive held in the first week of November.

"We are expecting this year's sale to surpass those of the past," predicts marketing director Alex Rozanski.

Over the Christmas holidays the team will hit the slopes for aweek-long technical training camp at Mount-Com, north of Montreal, where the final roster will be determined.

Barring injuries, it should be a very good crop.

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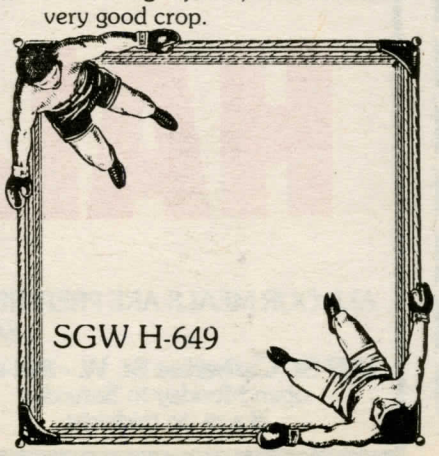

In-house hockey's scoring big

By Michael Fairney

Intramural hockey has not only begun, it's already in its fourth week, and as usual it's a smashing success.

With nearly 1000 players in the league, and more than 100 more on the waiting list, the league is one of the biggest in Canada, and it's all run by one big man, Greg Tyler.

Tyler, whose "part time" job consumes close to sixty hours a week, is happy with the way things are going this year, though he admits there have been some complaints.

"We didn't do as good a job this year as we did last year in placing teams in the right division. As a result there have been some pretty lopsided scores."

The league is divided into six divisions. Players in division 6 tend to be beginners or those who've almost forgotten how to lace their skates. Division 1 contains players who aren't terribly far off from the varsity level.

A seventh division is being considered to accommodate those who signed up too late. But in case it doesn't happen, and for those waiting for next year, this is how it works:

Most people get together with friends and sign up as a team. The fee is $300 per team, or about $20 per player - far less than any old-timer or city league would cost. If your friends don't play hockey you can join individually and be placed on a team in a suitable division.

Teams play 16 games per season, and more if they make the playoffs.

While the league is running smoothly so far this season, things are at the bursting point. The main problem is ice time. With only one rink to support two varsity teams, an intramural league, and free skating time, the rink is booked solid.

"Financially the league is OK," Tyler said," a further injection of money wouldn't do much, except perhaps raise salaries for myself and the refs. If any more money is going to be put into athletics, it has to go towards new facilities."

Face-off at midnight

The Misfits faced the *Rusty Blades* last Saturday at midnight in a closely fought division-3 game.

After winning their first game 14-2, and dropping their second 17-4, the Rusty Blades experienced tension for the first time this year, but held on to win 5-4.

Johnny Gravel was the best Rusty Blade, picking up four goals. Peter Bernard did like Gretzky by setting up three goals.

Bernard, whom teammates claim is very religious, said after the game: "I'd like to dedicate my assists to God."

The game started off on the side of the Misfits, who lead 2-0 after the first period. The lead was dashed though when Gravel took things in hand and popped in three goals in one amazing shift.

Gravel, obviously embarrassed by his ridiculous surplus of talent, refused to comment on the shift. He did however deign to make this comment: "I missed a lot of chances out there tonight". His teammates were visibly awed.

Both he and Bernard played varsity hockey in New Brunswick last year, but were barred from trying out for the stingers this year because of a collegial rule prohibitting players from playing for two different university teams in successive years.

Another goal by the Rusty Blades made it 5-3, and the game seemed wrapped up. But in the inal minute of play, the Misfits cut the gap to one.

The Rusty Blades started to shake, especially when they realized that they had their five weakest players still out on the ice. But with 38 seconds left, the five BEST players decided enough was enough and hopped on to secure the precious victory.

"To hell with pride," said one of the lesser players who asked to keep his lack of talent anonymous, "we needed to win."

Although Misfits captin Phil Morin attributed his team's loss to bad line match-ups, most of his teammates felt they it was due to excessive partying.

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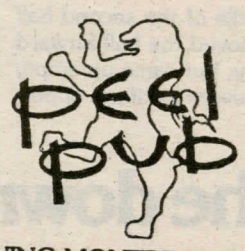

THE RESTAURANT BAR - SHOWBAR

TSN
MUCH MUSIC

SERVING MONTREAL SINCE 1962

BREAKFAST (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
(Saturday breakfast until 4 p.m.)
2 eggs, bacon, home fries, toast and bottomless cup of coffee - $1.99

bANDS APPEARING AT THE BAR
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

LUNCH and DINNER

3 great daily specials - $3.25
spaghetti with meat sauce - $1.99
"free pretzels"

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(11 a.m. to midnight)

HAPPY HOURS and SPECIALS

Monday, 3 p.m. to midnight - $4.50/pitcher
Tuesday to Friday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - $4.50/pitcher

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Sunday, 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. - $4.50/pitcher
Monday, 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. - $1.00/shooters

HALLOWEEN

ALL OUR MEALS ARE PREPARED FRESH EVERY DAY. WE ONLY USE RED BRAND MEATS.
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

1107 St. Catherine St. W. - 844-6769
open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to midnight

1106 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. - 845-9002
open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.